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Armstrong. Imparts strength



► Lance Armstrong speaks at the Shaw Conference Centre yesterday. Story, Page 4.

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Armstrong ready to ride in Jasper

Seven-time Tour De France champion and cancer survivor Lance Armstrong spoke during a luncheon at the Shaw Conference Centre yesterday to raise money for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation. He is set to ride with 45 other people in Jasper today.

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RCMP raids suburban home,
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Case the 'worst' cop has seen

► Suspect in alleged torture arrested in Edmonton Tuesday night ► Victim's family had been pointing to Dustin Paxton for months, using Internet to make case

CALGARY POLICE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Calgary police say they are investigating whether the suspect arrested in a gruesome torture case that spans two Prairie provinces may have other alleged victims.

Police say 30-year-old Dustin Paxton had been living under an assumed name in Edmonton for the past four months before being taken into custody late Tuesday.

He faces charges that include aggravated assault and forcible confinement relating to his former roommate, Dustin LaFortune.

The charges deal with crimes that are alleged to have occurred in both Calgary and Regina. LaFortune was starved, burned and had parts of his tongue and lips cut off before being dumped at a hospital in Regina earlier this year. "This case was in particular the worst investigation that I have entered into in my time as a police officer," said Calgary Det. Doug Crippen, who travelled to Edmonton to interview Paxton.

The 26-year-old LaFortune weighed just 87 pounds, down from his usual weight of 245, when he was left in Regina on April 16. His family has said that in addition to extensive physical injuries, he suffered brain trauma and amnesia.

The Edmonton couple who had been



► Dustin Paxton was arrested in Edmonton on Tuesday night.

renting a room to Paxton at their home said they were shocked to learn of the charges. Paxton told them he had moved from Vancouver for work and that his name was Jon Roach.

"He was very helpful around the house," said Rick Guyl.

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What makes a professional police officer?

- ▶ About 40,000 police officers interviewed about their jobs for study
- ▶ Report on professionalism in policing to come out in the spring



▶ RCMP Commissioner William Elliot, left, CACP president Bill Blair, and Edmonton police Chief Mike Boyd wrap up the 2010 CACP conference held at the Shaw Conference Centre all week.



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What makes professional policing?

That's exactly what the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP) is hoping to find out through a three-phase study, which should be complete by the spring.

"I'm confident in the members of the Edmonton Police Service and I'm proud of the way they conduct themselves on a daily basis," said Deputy Norm Lipinski, chair of the CACP

ethics committee.

"As a leader I'm interested in ensuring that we continue to have the most qualified and well-trained officers serving the community."

The study, being implemented by Dr. Stephen Maguire, adjunct research professor at Carleton University, is in its third phase, an online survey.

The survey component of the study asks police officers from across Canada about a range of issues, including work environment and conditions, management and supervision, de-

Ethics foundation

The project was funded by the Sheldon Chumir Foundation for Ethics in Leadership and the CACP. The group's priorities are:

Ethical issues connected

cision-making, discipline and community engagement.

"I think it's going to make a difference for policing in our country," said CACP president and Toronto police Chief Bill Blair.

with identity, diversity and "otherness".

- ▶ Recognition and protection of human rights and civil liberties.
- ▶ Public sector governance, rule of law (including police ethics) and renewal of democratic institutions.

"It's going to help us understand how we can continue to build strong, respectful relationships and how we can continue to maintain the reputation of policing in Canada that has earned us international recognition."

Police seeking collaboration

The tone during the wrap up conference of the 2010 CACP conference at the Westin Hotel yesterday was of enthusiasm and satisfaction.

One of the strong take-home messages was that professionalism, collaboration and accountability

were the key points to achieving the best practices for all police services across Canada.

The organization's president, Toronto police Chief Bill Blair, stressed improvement in collaboration and sharing of information and intelli-

gence between police agencies from all across Canada.

"We're creating a forum (for) sharing best practices and learning from each other and bring some consistency to our training," said Blair.

Other concerns at the

top of the organization's agenda were a desire to stress greater collaboration with academics, in order to generate research that could improve policy and shed light on emerging technologies, as well as the use of force by police.

● KATHY LE

Mother charged in baby's death

An 18-year-old Calgary mother has been charged with murder in the death of her 26-day-old son.

Daniel Herchak died Aug. 9 after being admitted to Alberta Children's Hospital. Shelby Anna Herchak, was charged yesterday with second-degree murder.

"An autopsy determined the cause of death was blunt-force trauma to the head. The injuries are believed to be non-accidental in nature," said acting Insp. Doug Andrus of the Calgary Police Service major crimes unit.

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Alta. budget projections on track

Alberta's overall budget projections remain more-or-less on track, despite turmoil in global financial markets.

According to the first-quarter fiscal update, the province's deficit projection remains at \$4.76 billion, about \$7 million higher than initially forecast. But other figures in the statement suggest how volatile the financial picture remains.

Lower income tax assessments last year suggest the province will collect nearly \$900 million less from that source in 2010. Meanwhile, the amount of corporate income tax has increased by almost the same amount. THE CANADIAN PRESS

\$600M Resource revenues should be more than \$600 million higher than expected, mostly from booming land sales.

Canadian jets shadow Russian planes

Two CF-18s shadowed a pair of Russian military aircraft Tuesday as they flew to within 30 nautical miles of Canadian soil.

The TU-95 Bear aircraft were spotted approximately 120 nautical miles north of Inuvik, Northwest Territories. The CF-18 jets from 4 Wing Cold Lake, Alberta, shadowed the Russians until both aircraft turned around. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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A real lesson in living strong

- ▶ About 1,000 seats filled at the Armstrong luncheon
- ▶ Prints by Canadian artist Toti auctioned for \$8,000



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Riding with seven-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong, while raising money for a cause that had affected his family personally, was the perfect combination for Shawn Bravender.

"Cancer ... has impacted many members of my family and friends growing up," he said.

"I myself have four

daughters and three sisters, and the odds are one in nine women in Canada can expect to get breast cancer."

Before Bravender and 44 other cyclists join Lance in Jasper today, they were able to meet the cycling star and hear about his experiences at a luncheon hosted at the Shaw Conference Centre yesterday.

"I think it's a fantastic experience," said Bravender about cycling with Armstrong.

Riding the 100-kilometre

route wasn't the biggest challenge for Bravender — it's raising the required \$25,000 to reserve a spot.

"One way or another I'm getting it," he exclaimed. "I'm open to donations ... the need for funds for breast cancer doesn't end Thursday."

The fundraising goal for this one-time event is \$1.7 million.



To help Shawn by donating, visit <http://bit.ly/bb2Xb2>

Biker gang rally in Medicine Hat?

Police in southeastern Alberta are bracing for a possible outlaw motorcycle gang rally this weekend involving the Hells Angels.

Medicine Hat Police and RCMP say if the event goes ahead there would be up to 100 bikers wearing gang patches in and around Medicine Hat and Redcliff.

Insp. Richard Wigle says as a precaution, police from other communities including Calgary and Lethbridge will be brought in to help monitor the bikers.

Police say the bikers have the right to rally peacefully, but their involvement in organized crime activities make them a higher risk to community safety. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Splash. Splash



▶ Anne Irwin

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Enjoy it while it lasts

Anne Irwin, 3, makes a splash in the city hall wading pool, taking advantage of one of the few days left in Edmonton's summer.

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These buffalo roamed ... but not for too long

► Farmer says the bison wandered away after someone left the gate open ► Twenty or so are still on the lam

A handful of bison from a herd that's been on the lam for more than a day wandered back home yesterday, likely exhausted after ambling loose through the streets of a central Alberta city and galloping freely across a golf course.

About five animals turned up at the farm northeast of Camrose and

their owner was trying to round them up, said RCMP Const. Mike Devloo. Eight others were discovered near the city landfill Tuesday night and were trucked back home.

Up to 40 bison got out of their enclosure Monday night and some of the animals turned up wandering the streets Tuesday morning near the courthouse.

A video of a group of the bison running across a golf course was posted on YouTube. Other members of the herd were seen grazing on the fairgrounds that host the annual Big Valley Jamboree, a popular country music festival in the community about 100 kilometres southeast of Edmonton.

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Rock. Concert



► Aerosmith

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Aerosmith sets makeup date

Rock legends Aerosmith are set for a Tuesday, Sept. 14 appearance at Rexall Place. The date makes up for a previous cancellation after frontman Steven Tyler sustained an injury earlier in the tour. The opening act is Joan Jett and the Blackhearts. Tickets are still available through Ticketmaster.

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EDUCATION

Teacher assigns terrorist attack

A high school teacher who assigned her class to plan a terrorist attack that would kill as many innocent Australians as possible had no intent to promote terrorism, education officials said yesterday.

The Year 10 students at Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community High School in the state of Western Australia were given the assignment last week in a class on contemporary conflict and terrorism.

The students were asked to pretend they were terrorists making a political statement by releasing a chemical or biological agent on "an unsuspecting Australian community," according to a copy of the assignment received by the newspaper.

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Mounties arrest two terror suspects in Ottawa



► Police leave a house yesterday following a raid in the west end of Ottawa. Following the raid, the RCMP arrested two Ottawa residents in relation to terrorist offences.

CSIS director alluded last month to possibility of domestic terrorism

The spectre of homegrown radicals hovered over the suburbs of Canada's capital city yesterday as police took two people into custody on terrorism-related allegations amid predictions more arrests were imminent.

By yesterday evening, no charges had been announced and police were refusing to divulge further details in advance of a news conference today.

"More arrests are anticipated," said a terse RCMP release.

The Mounties provided no details on the identity of the suspects, nor did they specify what the allegations are, other than to call them "in relation to terrorist offences."

Ottawa lawyer Samir Adam said he was contacted by a man arrested yes-

"We hope that the accused will be tried with due process, the presumption of innocence, and with full guarantees that their constitutional rights will be protected."

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terday, but had not yet been retained as counsel and therefore could not discuss details.

Adam got the impression from police "it's a larger operation" involving a number of people. "How many? I don't know."

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Insurgents strike Iraqi soldiers

Bombers and gunmen killed 55 Iraqis in two dozen attacks spanning the country yesterday, mostly targeting security forces in seemingly co-ordinated strikes the day after the number of U.S. troops fell below 50,000 for the first time since the start of the war.

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Two ocean storms gain strength

Tropical Storm Earl has formed in the open Atlantic Ocean, but the system is far from land. Earl has maximum sustained winds of 65 km/h and is expected to become a hurricane by Friday. In the Pacific, Hurricane Frank developed off Mexico's coast. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Rapist faces new charge: Stalking using Facebook

► Sex images were used to force woman to come back to him, police say ► He denies it, but remains in jail

A man has been accused of stalking an ex-girlfriend and trying to persuade her to come back to him by using a Facebook account he created in the name of another ex-girlfriend he raped.

Travis Allen Davis, 23, was arrested by police last week as he slept in a car outside his ex-girlfriend's home in Delmont, Penn., about 40 kilometres east of Pittsburgh.

Authorities said he was armed with a gun and a box-cutter.

Davis created a Facebook profile in the name of an ex-girlfriend he raped in Ohio, and he used the account to contact the

Horror in Ohio

- Travis Allen Davis pleaded guilty to rape in Ohio earlier this month and is scheduled to be sentenced for that crime on Oct. 5, according to online court records.
- He was armed when he broke into the Ohio woman's home last year, handcuffing her and then raping her.

Pennsylvania woman, authorities said.

Police contend Davis — pretending to be the Ohio woman — threatened to send sexually explicit im-

ages of him having sex with the Pennsylvania woman to her current boyfriend if she did not move back to Indiana "and pretend she wanted to be with Davis," police said.

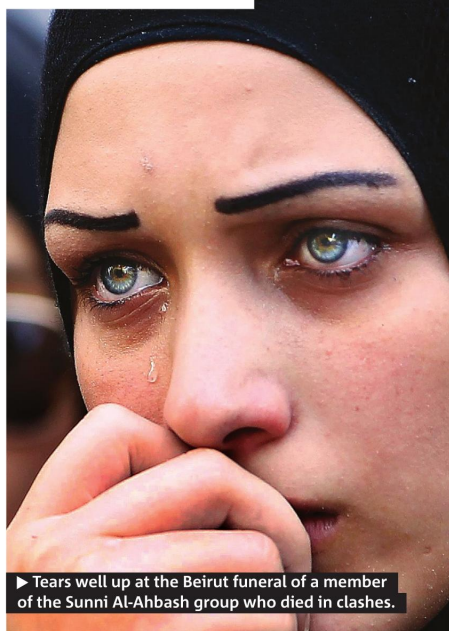
Davis, of New Castle, Ind., also allegedly sent the Pennsylvania woman a video of him having sex with her.

Davis has pleaded not guilty and remained jailed yesterday.

Export District Judge Charles Conway on Tuesday ordered Davis to undergo a mental health evaluation and raised his bail from \$10,000 to \$75,000.

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Lebanon. Street clashes



► Tears well up at the Beirut funeral of a member of the Sunni Al-Ahbash group who died in clashes.

HUSSEIN MALLA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Blood flows in Beirut

Lebanese soldiers and tanks have been deployed in central Beirut to restore calm after a Shiite Hezbollah group and a small Sunni faction fought street battles that left four people dead.

Taliban suspected in mystery gas attack

Dozens of students and teachers at a girls' school in Kabul, Afghanistan, were sickened yesterday by an unknown gas that spread through classrooms, officials said.

The incident was similar to earlier cases where scores of girls have been victims of suspected poisoning attacks.

Those have raised fears the Taliban and other Islamic fundamentalists who oppose female education are trying to scare them away from classes.

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Bisphenol out?

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Toronto. Opening



► Victoria's Secret models Erin Heatherton, left, Adriana Lima, centre, and Chanel Iman react yesterday after cutting the ribbon during the grand opening of the first Victoria's Secret store in Toronto.

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Victoria's Secret is out in Toronto

App Inventor lets amateurs design apps

► Once on the market, Google says anyone can make apps for their smartphones ► Possibility to sell apps

Apple's artful marketing has helped convince many that there's already "an app for that" in the crowded virtual aisles of its App Store, which stocks about 250,000 apps and has processed more than five billion downloads.

But Google doesn't think that's necessarily the case, and is rolling out a way for the average person to make their own smartphone apps, a task that previously required a programming back-

ground.

App Inventor for Android is currently undergoing a limited beta test before going public and demand has been overwhelming for access to the program, said Hal Abelson, who's spearheading the project for Google.

Tutorials walk users through the process of making an app, like launching calls or text messages and using GPS data. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

The new Skype?

Google is rolling out a new feature in Gmail that allows users to make free — or cheap — long-distance phone calls.

► Voice in Gmail lets users with a headset ring a land-line or cellphone.

► Google says calls to any phone in North America will be free until at least the end of the year.

HOUSING MARKET

Is owning a home a pipe dream?

Canadian home prices are still on the rise even as sales fall as demand peters out, one factor that is making homes less and less affordable, according to a study by the Conference Board of Canada.

"Most of the costs as-

25%

Home sales have fallen by 25 per cent since reaching a peak at the beginning of the year as fewer buyers compete and more houses come onto the market.

sociated with home ownership, such as mortgage costs and insurance, are outstripping inflation and income growth," said Conference Board associate director Michael Burt, who studies industrial economic trends.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Oil-eating bacteria found in the Gulf

Scientists discovered a previously unknown type of oil-eating bacteria, which is suddenly flourishing in the Gulf.

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They say you shouldn't talk about religion and politics in polite company, but I think the idiom needs an update. The politics part is fine.

But among friends my age, speaking ill of the church is redundant, like bad-mouthing athlete's foot. Everybody is doing it. You're more likely to offend people by saying you didn't like the latest episode of *Mad Men*.

So I'd like to make a new addition to the don't-talk list. Remove: Religion. Add: Alternative medicine.

Different names, same nonsense.

Replace "Christianity is 2,000 years old" with "India and China

are ancient cultures."

Replace "If you listen for Jesus, He'll speak," to "You have to believe it or it won't work."

Please note that me banging my head off the table in frustration shall remain the same.

First of all, there is no "alternative" medicine. There's medicine. Stuff works or it doesn't.

This is not a battle of West vs. East. Homeopathy started in Germany, for instance, and it's bunk.

Homeopathy is a good discussion point because there's no grey. It doesn't work, full stop.

It says water can "remember"

what was dissolved in it if you just shake it up good. And that the more diluted something gets, the more powerful it is.

"If homeopathy was true, I'd drop a shot of vodka into my parent's pool, thrash around a little, and invite some friends over for the party of our lives."

If homeopathy was true, I'd drop a shot of vodka into my parent's pool, thrash around a little, and invite some friends over for the party of our lives.

But I've discovered it's not polite to say such things. It gets people upset.

Look, I don't care whether you agree with me. But people should be able to discuss it without getting personally offended or staring at their shoes like they're trying to untie them

telepathically. How else does one get closer to the truth? Whatever that is.

My mother is a lay minister in the Catholic Church so I have a lot of experience with being friendly and loving when personal cultures clash.

She called me a few months ago and said, "We have something in common."

"You're unemployed," I said. "Yes," she said. "Did somebody tell you?"

"No," I said. "I just couldn't think of anything else we have in common."

We laughed together at that — a long, hearty, satisfying laugh. It was like medicine.

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Not your typical tea party

Worth Mentioning

A conservative rally this Saturday at the Lincoln Memorial on the 47th anniversary of Martin Luther King's famous I Have A Dream speech has renewed yet another tense national debate in the United States about race relations and the Tea Party movement.

Fox News personality Glenn Beck said his event, called "Restoring Honour," is meant to "recognize our First Amendment rights and honour the service members who fight to protect those freedoms."

He has vowed the rally will be "one for the history books" and will represent a "turning point in

A dream's legacy



America."

Beck has long infuriated liberals in the U.S. But his comments about the civil rights movement in advance of this weekend's rally have fanned the flames of outrage even further.

Beck, considered by many the spiritual leader of the Tea Party movement, said the rally

will "reclaim the civil rights movement," which he described as having been "distorted" and "turned upside down."

Brittney Cooper, a professor of gender and race relations at the University of Alabama, called Beck's remarks a slap in the face not just to African-Americans, but to King's legacy.

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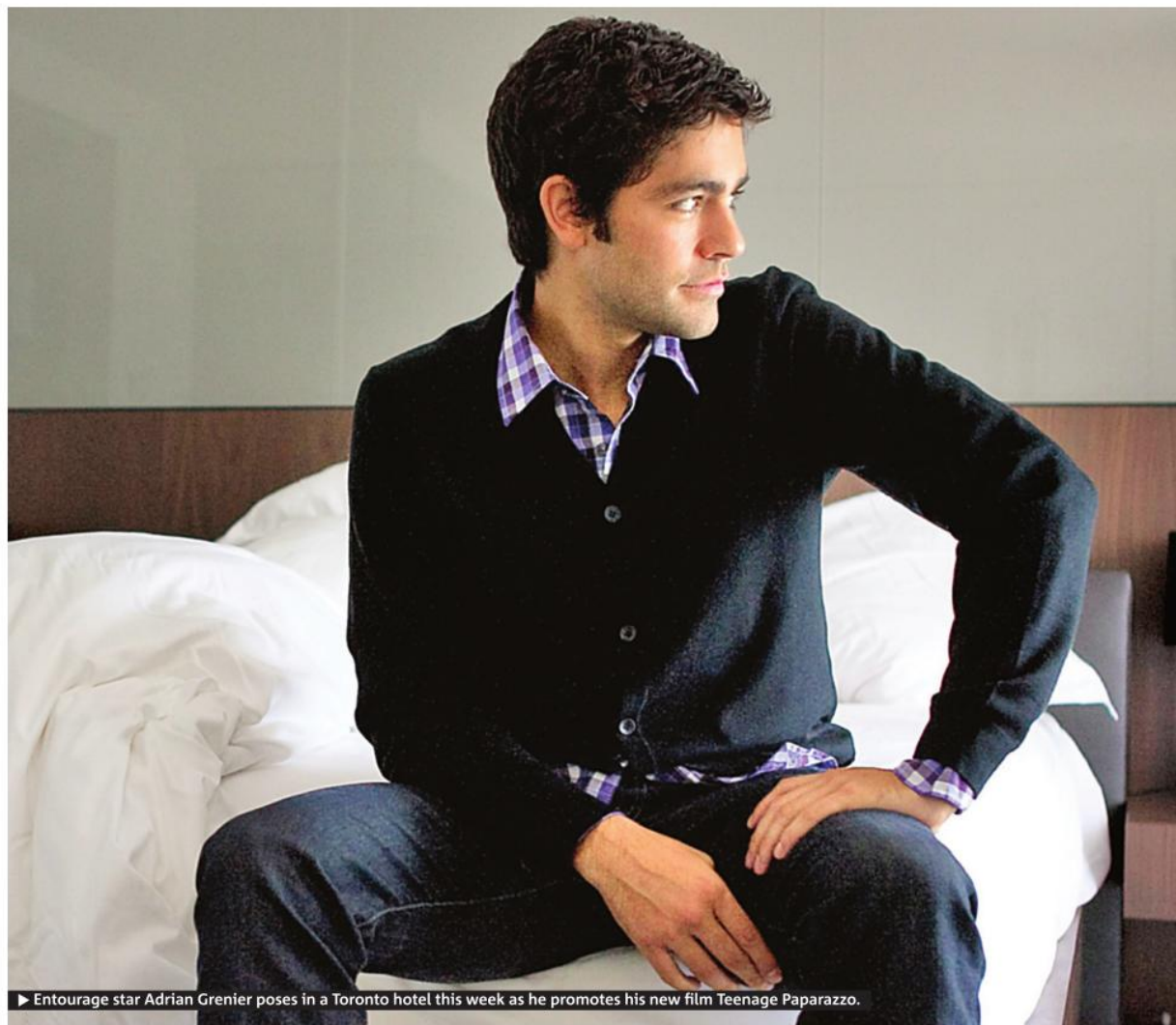
A federal judge has ordered a Connecticut talent agent to pay nearly \$1.2 million US to a concert promoter for failing to produce Justin Timberlake for a concert in the Philippines.

In a lawsuit in Connecticut, Arnold Vegafría, president of ALV Events International, contends he paid Kofi Degraft Johnson to showcase Timberlake at a concert in 2008. But the singer never appeared.

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Guess who Susan Boyle will be singing for now?



► Entourage star Adrian Grenier poses in a Toronto hotel this week as he promotes his new film Teenage Paparazzo.

The life and times of celebrity teens

► Entourage star Adrian Grenier goes behind the camera to film Teenage Paparazzo ► Documentary probes the cogs that turn the fame machine



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As actor and director Adrian Grenier states in his new documentary, he's a celebrity ... or at least he plays one on TV.

In fact, portraying Hollywood star Vincent Chase on HBO's *Entourage* has given Grenier valuable insight into the subculture of the paparazzi. But when he met a tenacious 13-year old celebrity pap named Austin Visschedyk, the bizarre encounter inspired the actor to investigate the cogs turning the fame machine in *Teenage Paparazzo*.

Metro caught up with Grenier to discuss the documentary (opening Friday in select theatres and airing on HBO Canada on Sept. 27), his pubescent subject and how starring on *Entourage* has changed his life.

Teenage Paparazzo is a really interesting movie. It ends up places that, at the outset, you don't expect it to go. Did you have any idea when you started out how involved this was going to get?

Well, that's life. That's one thing about documentaries that I absolutely adore — that they really do capture the twists and

turns of life if you let it. All you have to do really is point your camera at the world, ask a question and suddenly you're taken on this journey.

At what point in getting to know Austin did you realize that you had something?

I knew it would at least be interesting based on the fact that this kid was so compelling as a character. But it wasn't until I started to explore the philosophy and the ideas of celebrity that it really became interesting to me because it wasn't just a narrative ... it was also a deconstruction of this culture that has

coveted celebrity and embraced this young boy's decision to become a paparazzo.

This film seems to be spun off your role on *Entourage*. What has playing Vince Chase done for you as an actor?

It's been a really enjoyable experience. Before *Entourage* I was very serious and pretentious and I only wanted to do dark indie films filmed in New York in the winter. So thanks to *Entourage* I found a little bit of humor in my life and I've been able to have a little more fun. Vince taught me to laugh.



Teen Stars

Some of the celebrities that appear in *Teenage Paparazzo*:

- Paris Hilton
- Lindsay Lohan
- Matt Damon
- Lewis Black
- Alec Baldwin
- Rosie O'Donnell
- Whoopi Goldberg
- Eva Longoria
- Michelle Rodriguez

Space: The final (boring?) frontier

► What happens when you can't walk for a year? Have sex? Drink beer? Or ralph in your space suit? ► Mary Roach tackles these tough space questions and more in *Packing for Mars*

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Space exploration conjures countless indelible images: Earthrises, awe-inspiring moonwalks and the graceful ballet of weightlessness. What most people don't realize is that the Right Stuff consists not only of courage, but a lot of body odor and boredom too.

"There's not much overlap between my idea of what's interesting about space and NASA's idea of what they'd like to present to the public about space," admits Mary Roach, whose previous books have tackled the curious science of corpses (*Stiff*), the afterlife (*Spook*) and sex (*Bonk*). Her latest, *Packing for Mars: The Curious Science of Life in the Void*, turns Roach's sardonic humor and steel-stomached curiosity to the stranger side of space travel.

"I keep thinking that pretty soon I'm going to get to the end of the road and will have used up the human body and how strange it is," she says. "But I seem to keep finding other avenues."

This time out, those avenues led her to tests regarding: The effect of orbital isolation on the astronaut psyche, the limits of the human body to extended periods lying prone (via bed-rest studies with volunteers who lie in bed for months at a time) or the still-unsolved question over whether anyone has

actually had sex in space. If so, it was probably Russian Cosmonauts, whiskey at 11 in the morning," she says.

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who Roach says were more open to discussing taboo subjects than their American counterparts. "Of course, it helped that everybody was drinking



plained of boredom. [Astronaut] Eugene Cernin said, "I should have brought some crossword puzzles."

3 Patience: I don't know where you buy patience, but I don't have enough of it.

4 Condiments: Hot sauce, balsamic vinegar, pesto sauce — they say to smother the food that they give you with your own condiments. Space food is kind of bland.



► Mary Roach explores the effect of orbital isolation in her latest book, *Packing for Mars*.

Th repulsive but loved

Forget lions and alligators. The really spell-binding animals carry names like blobfish and star-nosed mole.

The blobfish does look like a big blob. It consists almost entirely of a gelatinous mass, which makes it look more like melting ice-cream than a fish. Unfortunately, the blobfish lives near the seafloor off the coast of Australia, far away from the many human arms that would love nothing more than to hug him.

In fact, humans maintain a long-standing fascination for exotically ugly animals like the blobfish and the star-nosed mole, a mole that appears to have no head. Instead, it smells and eats with a gigantic nose which resembles a jumble of spaghetti. And according to a recent study by biologists at Vanderbilt University, the star-nosed mole's peculiar snout is an effective organ



► Blobfish



► Star-nosed mole

indeed. Vanderbilt reports that the animal is the world's fastest eater, selecting and eating a meal in 650 milliseconds.

Then there's the proboscis monkey with its improbably large and droopy nose, and the casowary, a large bird that mostly resembles an alien. "Deformities provide a lot of information about what can go wrong, and by contrast what good function is," Dr. Geoffrey Miller, an evolutionary psychologist at the University of New Mexico, tells the New York Times. "This is not just about physical deformities. People who seem crazy are also highly attention-grabbing."

That might be the reason humans have gone out of their way to create ugly animals. The Sphynx cat has wrinkles but no fur, and the bloodhound is often bred with excessively droopy eyes and cheeks. Ugly, apparently, beats boring.

Ground control

In packing her own suitcase for a trip to Mars, Mary Roach lists a few essentials gleaned from her research:

1 Lip balm: I'm kind of a lip balm addict and they tell me when something floats off in a spacecraft, you'll never find it again.

2 A full e-reader: The guys on Mir — and even those on the way to the moon — com-

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Perry almost lives up to packaging

Katy Perry
Album: Teenage Dream
Label: Capitol/EMI
 ●●●½

One of the advantages of the iTunes age is that 14-year-old boys can download the new Katy Perry album in the privacy of their own bedrooms. They need never suffer the embarrassment of asking for an over-the-counter copy. Unfortunately, the web version is not near as much fun as handling the real thing (we mean, of course, the CD), which features an alluring shot of Ms. Perry wearing nothing but a whisp of candy floss.

The more adventurous will even sniff the cover which is scented with a bubble gummy eau d'floss (no kidding). Welcome to the age of porno-pop. Katy is every teenage



boy's dream. And she milks the tease for all it's worth.

The double entendres of California Gurls have supplied radio with comfort candy for weeks. Katy continues the onslaught on Last Friday Night by getting trashed, going skinny dipping and jumping into a threesome. And the peak-show chant in Peacock has nothing to

do with brightly plumed birds. Better still is Circle the Drain where Katy chastises a drug-addled rock star for falling asleep during foreplay. With the writing/production team of Max Martin and Dr. Luke at the helm, the music is almost as good as the packaging.

Outstanding track: Circle the Drain
 ● GRAHAM ROCKINGHAM



Mogwai
Album: Special Moves
Label: Rock Action/Fontana North
 ●●●●●
 Mogwai's quiet-to-loud crescendos have always been a crowd pleaser, despite the inevitable tinnitus that comes from their performances. Released with the concert doc Burn-

ing, the audio portion is a treat for fans to enjoy at their preferred volume. Recorded over three shows last year in Brooklyn, Special Moves perfectly encapsulates Mogwai's 14-year history and gives a sense of their supremacy as a live band. **Outstanding track:** Mogwai Fear Satan

● CAM LINDSAY



Klaxons
Album: Surfing the Void
Label: Universal
 ●●●½
 It's taken the Klaxons three long and trying years to follow up Myths of the Future, the U.K. band's successful debut. They band actually wrote an earlier disc, but scrapped it. For this version

they teamed up with Ross Robinson, Korn and Limp Bizkit's producer. That might seem strange, but it worked. The new disc is a loud, aggressive collection of thick rock, pop hooks and complex psychedelia.

Outstanding track: The Same Space
 ● BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI



Fantasia
Album: Back to Me
Label: Sony Music
 ●●●●
 Good pop music should always have a sing-along quality. Yet it's hard to imagine teenage girls skipping along the street sweetly singing along to I'm Doin' Me, the opening track on Fantasia's latest

CD. Okay, we get the girl empowerment stuff, but the phrasing is a tad too uncomfortable to enjoy. The former American Idol champ fares better when exploring a more retro soul sound on tracks like Bittersweet and I'm Here (from the Color Purple).

Outstanding track: I'm Here
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'Been through hell,' says Elin

► Woods' ex-wife opens up to People magazine ► She says she never hit him that Thanksgiving night

Tiger Woods' ex-wife Elin Nordegren said she has "been through hell" since her husband's infidelity surfaced but she never hit him, according to an interview released Wednesday.

Nordegren told People magazine she and Woods tried for months to reconcile the relationship. In the end, a marriage "without trust and love" wasn't good for anyone, she said.

On Thanksgiving night outside their Florida home, Woods drove his SUV over a fire hydrant and into a tree, setting off shocking revelations that sports' biggest star had been cheating on his wife through multiple affairs. The couple officially divorced Monday.

Nordegren told People that she never hit Woods on the night of the car crash.

"There was never any violence inside or outside our home," she said. "The speculation that I would have used a golf club to hit him is just truly ridiculous."

Nordegren said Woods left the house that night



► Elin Nordegren

and when he didn't return after a while, she got worried and went to look for him. She said that's when she found him in the car.

"I did everything I could to get him out of the locked car," she said. "To think anything else is absolutely wrong."

The magazine said the interview was conducted over four visits lasting a total of 19 hours at the rented Windermere, Fla., home

where she now lives with their two children.

"I've been through hell," said the Swedish-born Nordegren, who began losing her hair in the days before the divorce became final. "It's hard to think you have this life, and then all of a sudden — was it a lie? You're struggling because it wasn't real. But I survived. It was hard, but it didn't kill me."

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Celebrity tweets



Dax Shepard
[@daxshepard1] My body has started giving me hints that a chicken-only diet might not be the healthiest trail to blaze. I'm auditioning some greens.

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Heidi Montag

swimming in the ocean! i hope dolphins swim next to me



Jeremy Piven

Not how hard you hit, it's how hard u can get hit



Ashley Greene

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Timberlake likes his privacy

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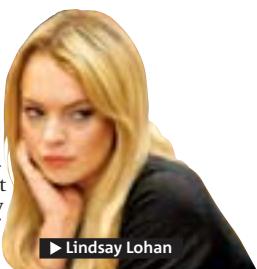
Apparently Justin Timberlake didn't think his \$5 million home in the Hollywood Hills home was private enough, so he reportedly built an upscale treehouse in the backyard, according to the National Enquirer. "Justin's still a kid at heart. He had the tree house built so he and his buddies could escape to drink and play cards," a source says. METRO



After just 22 days in rehab, Lindsay Lohan is a free woman, checking herself out of the UCLA Medical Center after the new judge in her case, Elden Fox, agreed that she could go home, according to People magazine.

Lohan's previous judge, Marsha Revel, had wanted the actress to serve the full 90-day rehab sentence. "She's out and she's doing really well," a source says of the actress.

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► Lindsay Lohan

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No fashion lover's coffee table is complete without Chanel, by Edmonde Charles-Roux (Vendome Press). Consider this biography by former Paris Vogue editor-in-chief Edmonde Charles-Roux a must for any fashion lover's library.

Valentino: A Grand Italian Epic, by Suzy Menkes, Matt Tyrnauer and Armando Chitolina (Taschen) is also recommended. Think of this as a companion to the popular documentary about the legendary Italian couturier.

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► Ken Downing said that what he is on the lookout for are items a woman does not have already in her wardrobe, especially since women have been more selective in their purchases during the recent economic downturn.

Fall fashion forecast

- Ken Downing keeps an eye on what might be influencing designers
- Every year people look to him for his fashion predictions

Ken Downing says the forecast calls for pantsuits, capes, fur, lace and, oh yes, feathers.

If women are skeptical that they will be wearing a frothy shirt of lace beneath a tailored pantsuit or shoes trimmed with feathers this fall, they shouldn't be. Downing, luxury retailer Neiman Marcus' fashion director, has been digesting designer offerings from New York to London to Paris to Milan to come up with a list of trends sure to get

"I really create the attitude and the message and the mood of the season that the company will be following"

KEN DOWNING

people running to the mall.

"I really create the attitude and the message and the mood of the season that the company will be following," Downing said.

His fashion forecast is

then integrated into everything from the Dallas-based company's marketing message to what buyers look for to how mannequins are dressed. To create that trend list, Downing watches for recurring themes at fashion shows around the globe. Then he checks out whether designers are producing enough of those trendy items he has honed in on to fill store racks.

"We start to talk about do we have the critical mass to make these bold

predictions?" he said.

For instance, he said, "If we believe in green, we need to have green everywhere." (This fall, by the way, green will be everywhere, he says, especially in the military-influenced olive.)

Boots of all heights are also in the fall forecast, he said. And a structured handbag is a must, not to mention pearls, "ropes and ropes" of them. Also, he says, keep an eye out for capes and vests.

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► Ken Downing

How to know

► **Fashion forecast** Downing travels to Neiman Marcus stores across the country to talk to customers about the coming fashion forecast and get their comments.



► The Marc Jacobs Cardboard Gene bag in brown

New bags full of tricks

► Grab the latest bag and carry it into fall with style

The hottest bags for fall are fit for a lady.

Replacing the large, heavily embellished bags of recent history are vintage-inspired ladylike models topped off with a handle or two.

The style offers a feminine contrast to fall's menswear-inspired details like strong-shouldered jackets and complement the longer-length '50s style skirts being turned out in pinstripes and plaids.

"The new direction for handbags this season is a

return to a structured, ladylike handbag," says Ken Downing, senior vice-president and fashion director of Neiman Marcus.

"With the sharp tailoring and appreciation for men's tailored details, the structured bag is the go-to bag."

These bags all look right with of-the-moment fashion, but also go well with just about everything in your closet short of formal eveningwear, says Julia Kalachnikoff, accessories director for Lucky maga-

zine.

All retro in look, they are versatile enough for jeans but go through cocktails, she says.

Some of the latest options from designers such as Marc Jacobs, Louis Vuitton and Prada recall the bags carried by gloved hands in the middle of the last century.

Today's versions, though, are anything but stuffy, and there's plenty of room for all of your stuff.

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► Adorning the mantle with picture frames, vase and other accessories one of the best ways to add flare to your fireplace

HOMES IN STYLE

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A fireplace is the focal point of any room, so it certainly shouldn't be an afterthought when it comes to decorating.

According to style maven Karen Kwinter — style editor at large for both Canadian Living and Homemakers magazines — the quickest way to add flare and interest to a fireplace is to adorn the man-

tle with cherished possessions.

"Whether it's a great collection of black-and-white picture frames leaning against the wall, or a bouquet of flowers in an interesting vase, placing items on the mantle will draw your attention to the fireplace immediately," she explains.

Kwinter says her favourite mantles usually feature a monochromatic palette of a mix of great antique and modern finds, layered amongst each other.

"Maybe it's a stack of

white lacquered boxes with black trim, bone horns resting beside them, a unique vase or sculpture, or a great clock," she adds.

The key is to contrast objects with flowing curves alongside those with strong angles in order to create visual movement. And candles always add warmth to the ambience.

If you have a small room, Kwinter suggests hanging a framed mirror above your mantle running the full length; this will create the illusion of space and add light and dimension to the room.



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Callingwood: A western jewel

► Proximity to freeways, transit makes getting around the area easy



CODIE McLACHLAN
FOR METRO EDMONTON
Head west on Edmonton's construction-riddled White-

mud freeway. Out past the frustrating 50 km/h area that makes up the Quesnel Bridge construction zone. Keep going.

Callingwood is a community nestled just south of the Whitemud, bordered by Whitemud Drive and Callingwood Road on the north

and south sides respectively, and 170 Street and 178 Street east and west.

"It's got lots of amenities," said the Callingwood Community League's membership director, Kathy Kammermayer. "There's the shopping mall, there's the Lois Hole Library in the area, there's the Jamie Platz YM-CA."

"There are lots of families in the area," she added, noting that there is one public school in Callingwood, and two more in Lymburn, a neighbouring community. "There are lots of educational facilities close by."

Although the community is close to the western limits of the city, its proximity to not one, but two freeways (the other being Anthony Henday Drive) makes getting around a breeze. And although Kammermayer doesn't take transit herself, she said her sons use it regularly.

"They've got no problems," she said. "There seems to be lots of connections coming to and from (locations in the city)."

"It's easy to get to the mall," she laughed.



► A view of the Lois Hole Public Library in Edmonton's Callingwood Community.

Reader's comments

What's the best thing about living in Callingwood?



Ben Pittman
The skatepark and the library.



Julian Oltean
The skateboard park and McDonald's.



Jared Gibbon
The awesome skate spots and all the food.



Allan Colwell
The best part of Callingwood is the library and all the food that's around here.

Just the facts

- **Callingwood boundaries** Whitemud Drive (north), Callingwood Road (south), 170 Street (east), 178 Street (west).
- **Population** 7,753 (2009 census)
- **Nearby landmarks** West Edmonton Mall, Anthony Henday Drive, Whitemud Drive



Cornfest is an annual favourite



Summer coming to a close only means one thing in the Marketplace at Callingwood, and that's the Cornfest.

The 12th Annual Cornfest and Family Fun Day takes places Sept. 11 from noon until 5 p.m. at the Marketplace on the corner of 69 Avenue and 178 Street.

"It's family orientated fun," explained Jody Hrabiwchuk, marketing director for the marketplace. "There will be lots of carnival games and lots of food."

The event will feature live entertainment, a petting zoo, kettle corn, and of course, steamed Taber corn.

She also added the main attraction are the local firefighters who come out to support the fest, since funds raised every year go to support the Edmonton Chapter of the Firefighters Burn Treatment Society. The crowds will be able to get fire truck tours as well as purchase the most recent firefighter calendar.

Firefighters Society

- The Firefighters Burn Treatment Society is a registered non-profit charity. It was created in 1977 by firefighters in Edmonton.
- Funds raised help support the Alberta Firefighters Burn Camp, held each summer in Kananaskis Country. Dozens of young burns victims from Alberta and across Canada attend the summer camp each year.
- As of 2007, over \$7 million was donated to the Burn Unit in Edmonton.
- The society is always looking for volunteers, with more ways to get involved located on their website, firefighterbtu.net.

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- 50 ml (¼ cup) maple syrup
- 50 ml (¼ cup) melted butter

Preparation:

- 1 Preheat oven to 180 C (350 F). Remove crusts from bread; cut in 2.5 cm (1-inch) cubes. Cut

cream cheese into cubes (makes about 250 ml/1 cup). Grease a 23 cm (9-inch) square baking dish. Place half of the bread cubes in the dish. Scatter cream cheese cubes and about half of blueberries over the bread.

- 2 Top with remaining bread cubes and blueberries. In a bowl, combine eggs, milk, maple syrup and butter. Carefully pour over bread mixture. Bake until a knife inserted in the centre comes out clean, about 1 hour. To serve, cut in squares.

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Sushi and sashimi, a raw fish lover's dream

CHRISTOPHER THRALL/FOR METRO EDMONTON



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► Mikado Sushi Robata still around after almost four decades

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It must have taken a set of brass balls to be the first to introduce raw fish to blue collar Edmonton in 1972. Mikado is still around to tell the tale.

During a conference lunch break, I swung by the South Edmonton Common location for a quick take-out. Unfortunately, certified sushi chefs can't be rushed and my sushi & sashimi combo (\$22.95) still took twenty minutes.

I got back with just enough time to wolf down succulent morsels of cool fish on their beds of tangy rice, ignoring the jealous stares of people who

stayed for conference centre fare.

The best part of my Mikado lunch was its lack of consequences. My carbo-loaded comrades were dozing in their chairs within a half hour, and I managed to avoid the stampede for the coffee and danishes at the afternoon break.

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Golf. (Young) women's action



▶ Michelle Wie watches her shot on the 10th hole yesterday during the Pro Am round of the CN Canadian Women's Open in Winnipeg.

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Youth will be served at this week's Canadian Women's Open

The average age of the top-10 players heading into this week's CN Canadian Women's Open at St. Charles Country Club is 24. Japan's Ai Miyazato, the No. 1 player on the Rolex World Rankings list, is just 25. Players can't get their LPGA card until they're 18, but many are turning pro in their teens and playing on sponsors' exemptions. This week's tournament — the only Tour stop in Canada — begins today with a field of 156 players, including 48 of the top 50 on the money list. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

NHLers at Games a mixed bag: Bettman

- ▶ Panel including NHL commissioner discusses sending players to Winter Olympics
- ▶ A decision on sending NHLers hasn't been rendered for 2014 Games in Sochi

Having heard several impassioned pleas from the floor and from members of his own panel, Toronto Maple Leafs general manager Brian Burke leaned into a microphone and raised his voice as he laid out reasons why the NHL would consider pulling out of the Olympics.

It had become the dominant issue at the world hockey summit yesterday

in Toronto, beginning with NHL commissioner Gary Bettman's public appearance and continuing into the afternoon panel discussion. High-ranking officials from North America and Europe were drawn into several colourful exchanges.

And, as usual, none were more colourful than Burke.

"It's not that simple to

get everyone on a god-damned plane and go over and play the games," Burke said. "I want to go, and I think we should go. But for people to say, 'It's priceless,' it's not that simple. We have teams that are losing \$30 million a year.

"Do you think they want me to stand up in a meeting and say, 'I don't want to hear about the problems. Let's get on a plane?' It's not that sim-

95 Mike Ouellet, chief of business affairs with the NHL Players' Association, was also part of the panel. He cited a two-year-old union survey that revealed 95 per cent of NHL players were in favour of continuing at the Olympics beyond the Vancouver Games.

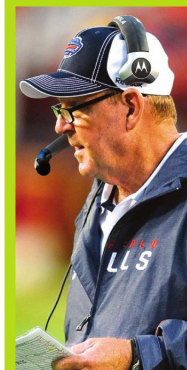
ple, and we're letting it become an emotional issue

in this room."

The NHL has been sending players to the Olympics since 1998, and a decision has not been rendered for the 2014 Winter Games in Sochi.

"We haven't said 'no,'" Bettman said. "And anybody who suggests that we've made a decision or suggests I'm anti-Olympics doesn't get it, because what we've been simply saying is, 'It's a mixed bag.'" **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Quoted



"What's the biggest challenge? That's a good question. Every time you take over a team in a new situation, you're trying to change the mindset from hoping to win to expecting to win."

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"This is a new beginning for everybody. To me, all the other sins are all kind of gone away."

GAILEY

NFL owners support change to schedule

NFL owners have shown widespread support for going to an 18-game schedule but want to implement the change as part of a new labour agreement.

Commissioner Roger Goodell said owners see two more regular-season games — and two fewer

pre-season games — as the most logical way to enhance revenues in a difficult economic environment.

He said it will be one of the main issues in talks on reaching a new collective bargaining agreement.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Medical group seeking ban on MMA matches in Canada

The country's largest doctors group wants government to ban mixed martial arts, a sport it calls dangerous because of the risk of potentially lifelong injuries to fighters.

After often heated debate, about 250 delegates attending the Canadian

Medical Association's annual meeting voted overwhelmingly yesterday for the organization to campaign for a ban of "mixed martial arts prizefighting matches in Canada."

Dr. Anne Doig, outgoing CMA president, said one of the primary responsibilities

of physicians is to promote good health.

Tom Wright, who heads up the UFC's Canadian office, said the league is as rigorous as any professional sports organization when it comes to the health and safety of its athletes.

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No CFL team's fall from grace would have been greeted with such glee as the Edmonton Eskimos' current freefall.

Everybody loves a winner, but lots of sports fans also enjoy watching a great franchise fall on hard times as the Eskies have done recently. The Eskies' 1-6 record, complete with firings, resignations and nasty rumours, isn't garnering a whole lot of league-wide sympathy. Where the Green and Gold have faltered (in addition to the win-loss column) is in dealing with the CFL's salary cap, introduced just a few seasons ago.

There was a time when the well-heeled Eskies, who enjoyed residing in the league's biggest stadium bursting at the seams with fans, could dole out untold cash for the game's best prospects. But now, with a rigid salary ceiling in play, it takes football brains



► Montreal QB Anthony Calvillo lies on the field after being injured by a tackle last week. Calvillo's injury adds some intrigue to the East Division picture.

more than fiscal brawn to field a winner.

EAST DIVISION INTRIGUE

You never want to see a player get injured, and by all accounts, Montreal Alouettes quarterback Anthony Calvillo will make a full recovery from a bruised sternum suffered last week. That's great news, but the injury sure has added some intrigue in the East Division. While the Toronto Argos had already starting challenging Montreal for top spot, a prolonged absence of Calvillo will make

for an even better race.

With Als backup Adrian McPherson also injured, Chris Leak has assumed control of the offence. Montreal doesn't play again until it visits the B.C. Lions Sept. 3, and that's good news for the Als. In 2001, the last time Calvillo missed a huge chunk of the season with an injury, the Als failed to win another game.

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Stampeders running back Joffrey Reynolds, the CFL's reigning rushing champ, has moved into 10th on the league's all-

time rushing list, passing Tracy Ham.

• Eskimos linebackers coach Dan Kepley's decision to resign without telling his players is just another shocking example of all that's gone wrong in the City of Champions.

• The Saskatchewan Roughriders are box office dynamite wherever they play. Edmonton has sold 45,000 tickets for Saturday's game against the Roughies, significantly better than its season average of 31,763 in its first four home games at Commonwealth Stadium.

NHL reveals 2010-11 TV sked

Start programming your PVR now. The NHL has released its 2010-11 television schedule on multiple channels on both sides of the border.

TSN and its sister networks are carrying the lion's share of games with a total of 124 regular-season games on TSN and TSN2.

CBC, entering its 58th season of Hockey Night in Canada, has 87 regular and pre-season games, including 29 all-Canadian matchups.

The regular season starts Oct. 7 with TSN showing the Carolina Hurricanes against the Minnesota Wild in Helsinki, Finland, and a CBC doubleheader of Montreal at Toronto and Calgary at Edmonton. The latter will feature Oilers forward Taylor Hall, who was the first overall pick in this year's NHL draft.

CBC's Hockey Day in Canada is in Whitehorse, Yukon, on Feb. 12.

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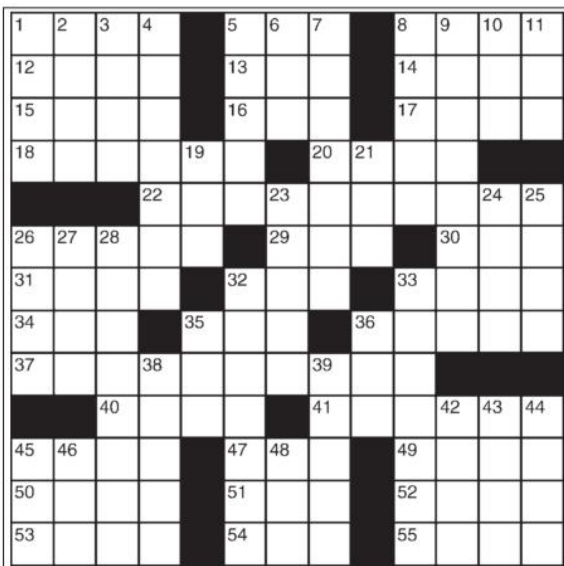
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52 Congregational cry
53 Undressed
54 Navy rank (Abbr.)
55 For fear that

Down

1 Moist
2 Largest continent
3 Aid



4 Treat for Garfield
5 Morocco's capital
6 Melody
7 Failed, on Broadway
8 1981 John Lennon hit
9 Leaves in the lurch
10 Started
11 Caustic solution
19 "Of course"
21 Remiss
23 Driver's 180
24 Concert receipts
25 Tramcars' contents
26 Beer ingredient

27 Hodgepodge
28 Kidnapper
32 Reading matter for the blind
33 Unfriendly
35 Resistance unit
36 Census statistic
38 Hereditary status, perhaps
39 Pharmaceuticals
42 Heavy reading
43 Hasn't paid yet
44 Carry on
45 "Chicago" lyricist
46 Carte lead-in
48 Charged bit

Yesterday's answer



Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer

5	6	1	9	4	2	3	8	7
3	4	2	1	8	7	5	9	6
7	9	8	6	5	3	1	4	2
2	1	6	7	9	5	4	3	8
9	3	4	2	1	8	7	6	5
8	7	5	3	6	4	2	1	9
4	8	7	5	3	9	6	2	1
1	5	3	8	2	6	9	7	4
6	2	9	4	7	1	8	5	3

A look at the weather

TODAY Min 9° Max 28°
FRIDAY Min 9° Max 17°
SATURDAY Min 4° Max 13°

Michele McDougall Weather Specialist

"My favourite part is reporting the weather. It fascinates me, and as we know around here, it's always changing, keeping forecasters on their toes". WEEKDAYS 6AM



Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 It's time to put your plans into action. With the Sun and Pluto, planet of power, on the best possible terms, anything is possible now — even the impossible!

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Whatever it is you are thinking of doing if you act quickly and don't stop to analyze your motives or ponder the consequences you will succeed beyond your wildest dreams.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Push yourself a little bit harder today, because one final effort could be all it takes to make the breakthrough you have been hoping for. Today's Sun-Pluto link will simply destroy obstacles in your path.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 This is one of the best times of the year for getting things done, so stop worrying about what might go wrong and start making things go right for yourself.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 What you fear the most is what you have least to fear, and with the Sun, your ruler, on good terms with Pluto you won't fear a thing. Fate is about to make you an offer you cannot refuse.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 If your instincts tell you to go for something today you must not ignore them. If you hesitate you may miss out on something really good and spend the rest of the week kicking yourself for being so stupid.

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 This is hardly likely to be a restful day, but it will be a productive day and on balance that's what you prefer.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Today's Sun-Pluto aspect makes you intensely dynamic and intensely ambitious, and if those you share your life with were hoping for a relaxing day, well, they're going to be disappointed.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Something unexpected will happen over the next 24 hours but it won't be bad news for you. On the contrary, the more disruption there is in your social sphere or at work the more you will benefit. Change is good for you.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You need to put your ego on hold for a while and work alongside other people as equals. If you can do that then the sky is the limit. You don't have to be the big boss in each and every situation.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Although both the Sun and Pluto encourage you to be more dynamic, something seems to be holding you back. Maybe it's the memory that the last time you tried you came off worst.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 You won't stand for any of that nonsense about doing your duty or putting other people's needs first today.

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JOHN ARMANDO

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